



## PREFACE

Since its inception in 2006, XJTLU has been on a path to identifying a new, innovative educational model that combines the wisdom of both the East and the West, while breaking free from restrictive norms and having overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges along the way.

Our achievements have been widely recognised by our peers and media both in China and around the world. We are humbled by your support, which will continue to motivate us to go forward with our mission.

In the face of this era of great uncertainty, XJTLU is determined to become a premier international university and identify the appropriate model for education in the future, by combining best practices from the East and West while adapting to the new yet challenging environment.

To date, we believe XJTLU has made significant progress in the following five areas:

First, we live in a world that is increasingly digital and where information is abundant and can be accessed with greater ease. In light of this, the philosophy of teaching has evolved from simple knowledge dissemination to using teaching to help students achieve personal well-being and learn the right way of studying, which is driven by interest.

Secondly, in order to help students achieve interest-driven learning, we strive to help them successfully progress and grow: • from children, to young adults and finally to world citizens;

- · from passive learning, to proactive learning, leading to research-oriented learning; and
- from ineffective studying, to interest-driven learning, and then to life planning.

Thirdly, we believe in a model that is research-driven, which can be applied to learning, teaching and working. The three areas affect one another to ensure longevity in innovation.

Fourthly, in the area of teaching, we have adopted what we believe are the best of the existing models: the flexibility typically seen in American education, the stringent quality control mechanisms offered by the British system, and various useful aspects of the traditional Chinese and former Soviet branches of educational philosophies, combining them to create a unique model exclusive to XJTLU.

Lastly, using the philosophies and models mentioned above, we have managed to achieve a collaborative and interactive relationship with the outside world, enabling the creation of a three-layer ecosystem that consists of nature, knowledge and society.

The last decade has been the work of XJTLU's 1.0 Model: an innovative, globally minded training model for cultivating professional elites, underpinned by a management system that rests on an online network backbone and a singular platform, an open campus built on an interactive and symbiotic ecosystem that connects the University to the outside world, an industry thought-leadership status within the country, and a leading, cutting-edge research and training bastion.

However, we must also realise that in a world where revolutionary advancements in artificial intelligence and robotics are bound to take place, XJTLU must continue to build on the strength of its current infrastructure to create a highly hybrid talent cultivation model that can withstand the test of the new age.

Industry elites are professionals who are equipped with relevant subject matter expertise, deep knowledge of the sector, managerial capabilities, cross-cultural awareness, and the ability to integrate these tools.

Implemented in 2017, XJTLU 2.0 bred a syntegrative educational model that broke the boundaries between academic disciplines through the establishment of industry colleges. Partnerships with industry players have enabled a type of education that is future-looking, industry-driven, innovative and integrated, producing talents who will serve as leaders in their respective fields.

In September 2022, the XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) moved to our new Taicang campus. It is an exciting new landmark that meshes technology, innovation, and design, waiting to be explored.

Over the last 16 years, with a goal to advance social developments, XJTLU has remained firmly committed to its original mission of carrying out educational reform, providing invaluable experiences and insights for the Chinese and global education communities.

By integrating deeper into society, XJTLU 3.0 is a step beyond Model 2.0. Through establishing industry colleges and reshaping the social responsibilities of universities, XJTLU acts as the adhesive and catalyst for leveraging all available resources and creating an ecology of education, research, innovation and entrepreneurship for future industries.

From 2020 to 2021, we witnessed the launch of the XJTLU Wisdom Lake Academy of Pharmacy, the XJTLU-JITRI Academy, the Academy of Future Education, and the Academy of Film and Creative Technology. Significant achievements have been made over the last year.

The University will continue to deepen its ties with industry and establish more joint platforms. For example, the Yangtze River Delta National Technology Innovation Centre in Taicang, and the Zhihui Valley Entrepreneurship Facility jointly launched with the local government and industry partners are more examples of an ecosystem that aims to support interest-driven lifelong learning, innovation, entrepreneurship, research and development, and sector transition and upgrade.

Last year was a crucial time for XJTLU to execute its grand strategy, with its ambitious plans drawing praise and controversy alike. We are grateful to the wide attention these endeavours have attracted, which consequently has sparked a healthy debate amongst members of the general public and media. We appreciate everyone's comments and take them very seriously, as we continue to improve and strive for excellence.

Thank you for your suggestions and advice on our way forward as an institution. The University could not have come this far if it weren't for your continuous support. A bright future awaits all of us!

Professor Youmin Xi Executive President, XJTLU Pro-vice-chancellor of the University of Liverpool CONTENTS04CONTENTSCommunication<br/>Highlights055<br/>China insights111<br/>Lading<br/>Perspectives299<br/>RESEARCH WITH<br/>REACH422<br/>EXPERT<br/>COMMENTARY

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## **COMMUNICATIONS HIGHLIGHTS**

The rapid spread of communications over the internet and social media has meant that the information we receive does not always contain accurate facts. Academics can play a key role in countering false information with research-based data and commentary. In the 2021-22 academic year, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University academics made impactful contributions to public understanding.

As an international university based in China, XJTLU's staff play a key role in providing insights about China. This year, our experts shared understanding about Suzhou becoming the Pharmacy Valley of China, the impact of China's 14th Five-Year Plan on the education sector, doing business in today's China, sustainable architecture in China, and the challenges of using English as a corporate language.

Other academics led discourse with their research-based perspectives on diverse topics including ecology, luxury retail branding and teaching.

The University, and its academics and students, made news on the international stage with achievements and impact in research excellence, sustainability, new campus design and helping launch China's first ranking programme for the global intelligent manufacturing industry.

Stories about XJTLU's global citizens – especially its students and alumni – provided an inside look into the benefits of learning and student life at the University.

Articles about recent XJTLU research reached international audiences, and stories about the studies informed the public about a range of topics relevant to our world and everyday lives.

XJTLU academics provided expert commentary in influential publications including Science Magazine, Nature, FT Adviser and The Independent. In addition, XJTLU staff shared their education expertise by writing articles published in Times Higher Education's THE Campus.

XJTLU proudly earned media attention in major global news outlets that reach large audiences (represented here in millions of unique visitors per month). They included: Antara News (4.5m), Apple News (241.2m), Athens Voice (1.2m), Big Think (3.5m), CGTN (7.5m), Channel News Asia (6.8m), Chiba Daily (2.1m), China Daily (4.3m), The Conversation UK (13.8m), CNET Japan (2.3m), El Español (32.3m), Financial Times (11.9m), IFL Science (3.2m), Il Giornale (7.3m), The Independent (51.6m), Irish Examiner (1.6m), The Jakarta Post (1m), La Razón (8.1m), Liverpool Echo (9.5m), NewsBreak (9m), The Philippine Star (4.7m), Phys.org (3.7m), RT en Español (5.5m), Science Daily (4.4m), Science Magazine (10.2m), SciTechDaily (3m), Times Higher Education (1.5m), The Wire (India) (2.5m), Xinhua News Agency (6.5m), Yahoo!Finance (46m), and Yahoo!News UK (2.6m).

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#### **MOVE OVER, SHANGHAI AND BEIJING? SUZHOU WANTS TO BE THE 'PHARMACY VALLEY OF CHINA'**

■ 7 September 2021 ■ By Greg James

In April 2020, Suzhou unveiled a plan to create a biopharmaceutical ecosystem and to build a "Pharmacy Valley of China". Some of the most essential components of the ecosystem are "practice-oriented, interdisciplinary, and high-end global talents", "research in cutting-edge areas of bioscience," and "opportunities for cross-discipline cooperation," explains Dr Yimin Ding, Vice President of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University. "And that's where XJTLU comes in."

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#### Move over, Shanghai and Beijing? Suzhou wants to be the 'Pharmacy Valley of China'

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Beijing and Shanghai often come to mind when you think of China's biopharma capitals but Suzhou - an ancient city mostly known for its cultural heritage - steadily has built a biopharma hub that rivals those two cities.

Published September 7, 2021 Greg James



Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

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China has an ambitious plan to become a pharmaceutical heavyweight on the global stage, and it has come close to succeeding. With an increasing number of international and local companies expanding their manufacturing and development facilities in the country, China is currently the world's second-largest market for pharmaceuticals and the fastest emerging market for the sector, behind only the U.S.

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■ 25 November 2021 ■ By Raye Wu

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#### China's 14th Five Year Plan: what does it mean for the education sector?

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This year marks the start of China's 14th Five Year Plan which sets out the country's vision for social and economic development. According to the outline of the plan, the development of education remains high on the agenda, with higher education and vocational and technical education being at the centre of focus.



Shanghai, China. Photo: Pexel

#### Higher education for quality growth

"To achieve quality higher education, we need to improve the level of scientific and technological innovation in universities," said Song Demin.

University in the LIE after completion her M TESOL at King's College London. She was borr and raised in China and the two years in th UK hasn't changed her Chinese appetite. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking East Asia stronger connection between research and practice." food and exploring London.

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Rave trained as a journalist at Gold

China's vice minister of education, in a press conference of the State Council, in March. "We will promote a deeper university-industry collaboration and encourage

To foster scientific and technological innovation, China's National Centre for Educational Technology promised to put forward practical advice to guide universities to pay more attention to the quality and effectiveness of scientific research. A more comprehensive evaluation system will be established rather

than focusing solely on the number of papers, awards and projects.

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## CHINA'S 14TH FIVE YEAR PLAN: WHAT DOES IT MEAN

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In March, China released the newest Five-Year Plan, which guides universities to pay more attention to scientific research and technological innovation. "The Plan indicates future directions, key topics, strategic measures, policies, and regulations," says Professor Youmin Xi, Executive President of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University.



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### **MULTINATIONALS IN 2021: THE NEW REALITY OF DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA**

■ 15 December 2021 ■ By Greg James

In this article, Dr Laurie Underwood, Professor Roberto Donà and Dr Haili Wu offer suggestions to multinational corporations on how to navigate China's many challenges and translate its growth trends into profitable, sustainable enterprises.

Dr Underwood, an academic and consultant who has taught at International Business School Suzhou (IBSS), recently published the second book in her China CEO series.

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#### Multinationals in 2021: The new reality of doing business in China

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China is the ultimate "make or break" market for many intern Yet for multinational corporations (MNCs) hoping to succeed in China, the Middle Kingdom remains a challenging place to do business. How can they navigate China's many challenges and translate its growth trends into profitable, sustainable enterprises?

Greg James Published December 15, 2021





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China is the ultimate "make or break" market for many internationa companies today. Since its economic reform - and subsequent growth spurt - took off in the 1980s, the country has been racing to become the world's largest economy. It is now home to some of the fastest-growing companies in the world and an enormous, high-growth, highly savvy consumer market whose spending is set to more than double in 10 years.



**BUILDING A GREEN FUTURE IN CHINA** 

■ 22 February 2022 ■ By Greg James

Sustainable architecture is designed to minimise negative impact on the environment. Dr Adam Brillhart in the Department of Architecture at XJTLU says: "Sustainable design is a search for a natural alliance by necessity." Dr Yiping Dong says: "Particularly in the built environment, sustainability emphasises the benefits for future generations." Dr Jiawen



cultural psyche of the population.

The article also mentioned the solar-powered, sustainable house designed by Y-team. Dr Marco Cimillo, who served as the faculty lead, says that their project has resulted in distinctive architectural outcomes and user experience.

Dr Cimillo says that XJTLU's Design School aims to equip the graduates for the complexities of an increasingly articulated professional world. "The new generation must have the ability to think collaboratively and out of the box to lead the transition to a more sustainably built environment and society, the greatest challenge of our time."

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Ningbo History Museum, designed by Pritzker-winning Chinese architect Wang Shu

#### Han adds that for sustainable design to reach its full potential in China, the biggest obstacle is the





#### AT THIS INTERNATIONAL FIRM'S CHINA OFFICE, ENGLISH IS POWER AND REFUSING TO SPEAK IT IS A FORM OF RESISTANCE

■ 27 June 2022 ■ By the editors

At a time when more and more multinational companies are mandating English as the common corporate language, a study by Dr Xiaoyan Liang at International Business School Suzhou (IBSS) highlights the difficulty of the shift in one office in Shanghai and sheds light on the possible influence of culture on the mechanisms of organisational power and



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China looks to improve qualifications of teachers

#### **CREATURE THAT INSPIRED PIKACHU IS BEING BLAMED** THE CONVERSATION FOR AN ECOLOGICAL CRISIS – BUT IT MAY BE INNOCENT

4 October 2021 By Dr Li Li

According to statistics, half of the meadows on the Tibetan Plateau are at risk of turning into black soil. Local communities often blame the pika – a small, rabbit-like mammal - for grassland degradation. However, Dr Li Li at XJTLU believes that "the key to saving the plateau's meadows is not to demonise the pika, but to develop a culturally acceptable solution that both controls this wild mammal's populations and allows pastoral nomads to continue making a living."



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**REVEALS WHAT MUST HAPPEN NEXT** 

■ 12 October 2021 ■ By Dr Lingyun Xiao and Dr Binbin Li

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E Fread World leaders are attending an online summit to discuss the future of life on Earth. With one million species threatened with Tailter extinction this century, the UN biodiversity conference, known Facebook as COP15, is supposed to yield a new global plan for protecting in Linkedin nature. The host nation, China, has committed to protect more A Print

of its land for nature. But one of the most radical and farreaching measures introduced by the Chinese government in recent years came at the beginning of the pandemic.

COVID-19 has shown the risk to human health posed by the trade in and consumption of wildlife. To strengthen the protection of wildlife and to reduce the risk of zoonotic viruses spilling over into human populations, China issued a ban on eating wild meat and the related trade in February 2020. This targeted the illegal wildlife trade and poaching, but also the legal farming and selling of terrestrial wildlife for food - from snakes to bamboo rats - which previously was possible through a complex system of licences.

## CHINA'S WILDLIFF FOOD BAN IS VITAL FOR PUBLIC **HEALTH AND THREATENED SPECIES – OUR RESEARCH**

In February 2020, China issued a ban on eating wild meat and its related trade. The country aims to close loopholes in existing legislation, which was last amended in 2016 and is being revised again now.

Dr Lingyun Xiao, a field ecologist at XJTLU, says the ban "is a useful, short-term stopgap, but must now be backed up by updated, evidencebased legislation and regulation for the future".

Shanshui Conservation Center. She is umently member of the IUCN Caprina Specialist Group, and steering committee

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## THE CONVERSATION WESTERN LUXURY BRANDS ARE ENTERING A RISKY PACT WITH CHINA'S INFLUENCERS

■ 23 November 2021 ■ By Dr Samuel Kwok

In November, French cosmetics company L'Oréal underwent a pricing controversy after two leading livestreamers sold large quantities of its facial masks while inaccurately claiming it was the cheapest deal.

Dr Samuel Kwok, Associate Professor from the Department of Accounting at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, analyses the changing face of luxury retail and provides insights into e-commerce in China.

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Western luxury brands are entering a risky pact with China's influencers



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■ 31 December 2021 ■ By Dr Bo Xie

In December 2021, China released a draft amendment to the Teacher's Law, aiming to raise the academic threshold for teachers in order to improve educational quality.

Dr Bo Xie from XJTLU's Chinese Cultural Teaching Centre says the document regulates the rights and obligations of teachers, and also prioritises their welfare and benefits. He also believes teachers should be able to exercise their legal rights according to the law, and have a fair wage as well as the opportunities to advance in their careers.

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## **CHINA LOOKS TO IMPROVE QUALIFICATIONS OF**



hina's education authorities recently released a draft amendment of the Teacher's Law, raising the reshold for teachers' academic certifications so as to improve the quality of education. The draft mendment shows the country's resolve and efforts to boost its education reform.



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■ 26 October 2021 ■ By XJTLU

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SUZHOU, China, Oct. 26, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- In Clarivate Essential Science Indicators' latest release, Xi'an Jiaotona-Liverpool University entered the ESI Top 1% list of institutions in the field of Social Science, General, for the first time.

The number of XJTLU's citations in Social Science, General is in the top 1% globally when compared to institutions also publishing in the same field over the last 10 years. Following Engineering and Computer Science, this is the third field earning XJTLU a spot on the ESI Top 1%, with the University's overall global ranking continuing to rise.

The number of ESI research fields entering the global Top 1% is an important indicator of the scholarly performance and impact of academic institutions.

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#### **XJTLU SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE WINS** vahoo/finance **INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

25 January 2022 By XJTLU



XJTLU's International Business School Suzhou (IBSS) won the top place at an international sustainability initiative competition judged by CEOs and other leaders from major institutions around the world.

The Association of MBAs and Business Graduates Association (AMBA & BGA) presented XJTLU with the gold medal for Best CSR and Sustainability Initiative 2022 at their annual Excellence Awards ceremony.

XJTLU was the only university from China that had been short-listed for the sustainability initiative award category. Judges from companies including IKEA, Google, and Rolls Royce, and the conservation organisation World Wildlife Fund deemed XJTLU's entry in the corporate social responsibility and sustainability category the best over other short-listed business schools from Spain, Germany, Italy, India, the UK and Portugal.



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18 March 2022 By XJTLU





so that whoever is around will feel a part of us."

HPP Architects, one of Germany's leading architectural partnerships, recently won a bronze award for this collaborative campus concept in the Future Projects: Education category at the World Architecture News (WAN) awards.

### E-MAGAZINE Q&A: DESIGN AND BUILD CHALLENGES FOR - By ArchiExpo SUSTAINABLE HOUSES IN ZHANGJIAKOU

6 April 2022 By Hilary Edesess

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China to unveil Global Top 100 Smart

Technology

22 August 2022 By staff writers and Zhu Xuehan

Led by XJTLU and composed of partners from China and the US, Y-Team created a fully solar-powered house in Zhangjiakou, one of the main 2022 Winter Olympics events sites.

Dr Marco Cimillo, Associate Dean for Learning and Teaching at XJTLU's Design School, served as the faculty lead of the interdisciplinary team. He says the sustainable design has resulted in distinctive architectural outcomes and user experiences.

"The house has a multi-layered architectural envelope that includes the main structure in laminated bamboo, which is a natural low-impact material," says Dr Cimillo. "And the house can be built in different climates by adapting the current configuration."



ion to the next, the city of Zhangjiakou hosted the Solar Decathlon China design and build challenges in 2021 and

The collegiate competition challenged students and researchers to design and build high-performance, low-carbon building prototype

powered by renewable energy. The prototypes, which are maintained by the city of Zhangjiakou, were meant to serve as facilities for the

Energy Solar Decathlon, which began in 2002, celebrates its 20th anniversary of design and build challenges

ited the prototypes to the 2022 Winter Olympics as facilitie

Hebei Province, China

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Photo taken on Aug 18, 2022 shows an industrial robot during an expo of the World Robot ( Beijing, capital of China. [Photo/Xinhua]

## **CHINA TO UNVEIL GLOBAL TOP 100 SMART** MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

The Global Top 100 Smart Manufacturing Companies 2022 Ranking Program was launched at World Robot Conference 2022, drawing wide attention from the industry.

At the Intelligent Manufacturing for Future international summit, ChinaIT. com, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, IncoPat Global Patent Database and other partners officially unveiled the country's first ranking programme for the global intelligent manufacturing industry – Global Top 100 Smart Manufacturing Companies.







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11 September 2021 By XJTLU

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## Become a Better Professional by Being a Student Again in China

By Sponsored, September 11, 2021

It's back-to-school time again, and among the ranks of new university students are working professionals.

Two new adult learners at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University in Suzhou say despite the challenges of returning to school after years away, they are confident of the rewards. Both plan to boost what they can offer in the workplace through master's degrees from XJTLU's International Business School Suzhou (IBSS).

#### **Back to School Again**

While Hamed Azimidizaj has become an experienced engineer and manager over nearly 15 years in the automotive industry, he wants to broaden his knowledge. Originally from Iran, he's lived for five years in China and is Technical Manager and Advisor at Suzhou Hengmei Electron Technology Inc.

"Now I see that experience alone is not enough. You need to bring knowledge to the industry to make improvements, and I'm seeking more knowledge so that I can make a change," he says.

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## **BECOME A BETTER PROFESSIONAL BY BEING A STUDENT**



Two new adult learners, Hamed Azimidizaj and Qin Qian, plan to boost what they can offer in the workplace through master's degrees from XJTLU's International Business School Suzhou. Azimidizaj is enrolled in the part-time MSc Project Management programme, while Qian is enrolled in the part-time International MBA



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#### **STARTING OVER AT 31: AN UNCONVENTIONAL JOURNEY TO** that's **A COMPUTER SCIENCE DEGREE**

3 November 2021 By XJTLU

Christopher Champion graduated from XJTLU's BSc Information and Computing Science programme at the School of Advanced Technology. Armed with his degree, Champion recently got a job as a Business Developer at Daimler Group Services Berlin.



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Starting Over at 31: An Unconventional Journey to a Computer Science Degree

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By Sponsored, November 3, 2021



In his early 20s, Christopher Champion, a young American, started his bachelors degree in French at Eastern Michigan University. However, unsure of what he wanted from his future career, he dropped out.

At the age of 31, Champion became a student again on the other side of the globe - China.

"Don't worry if you need more time than someone else for something," he says. "Keep at it and usually, life finds a way of working things out."

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■ 11 January 2022 ■ By XJTLU

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With climate change, financial crises, the pandemic and the world becoming increasingly complicated, perhaps a degree in International Relations can help us confront the complexities of the 21st century.

### MORE THAN POLITICS: PURSUING AN INTERNATIONAL **RELATIONS DEGREE IN CHINA**

onal Relations programme at XJTLU say it has lerstand globalisation and all that comes with it.

Mika Peltonen says he chose to study at XJTLU because it's unique. Founded by two parent University of Liverpool and Xi'an Jiaotong University, XJTLU combines the best of both

Tianhui Xie says the programme has improved her critical thinking skills. With its examination of the global relations between different countries, the programme helps her better understand global





#### STUDENTS UNITE ACROSS BORDERS IN 'OLYMPIC' **CONTEST FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES**

7 February 2022 By Anand Gupta

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**EDUCATION (INDONESIAN)** 

■ 14 April 2022 ■ By staff writers

#### Led by Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, the interdisciplinary Y-Team, consisting of

Students unite across borders in 'Olympic' contest for sustainable homes - EQ Mag Pro



#### Zhangjiakou, one of the three main 2022 Winter Olympics events sites, is also host to another "Olympic" game - one that has united students internationally in a quest for clean-energy solutions.

A house designed by student and staff teams from universities in China and the US that demonstrates cuttingedge sustainable design and architecture techniques is on display in the Chinese city, along with 14 more units modelling green methods.



International university teams competing in the US Department of Energy's biennial worldwide Solar Decathlon competition - dubbed "the Olympic Games in the solar energy and green building industry" collaborated on the houses' designs.

partners from China and United States, created a fully solar-powered home in Zhangjiakou, one of the main 2022 Winter Olympics events sites.

The potentially marketable and sustainable home integrates semitransparent photovoltaics and other energy saving strategies. Xi Chen, a PhD Architecture student at XJTLU, worked onsite throughout the construction.



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Kompas featured XJTLU as a leading international university in China. Alumni from Indonesia spoke about how studying at XJTLU gave them a competitive edge when job hunting, especially with companies who have dealings with China.





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#### STRONG UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS, PRACTICAL SKILLS TheJakartaPost **ENSURE FUTURE GRADUATES' READINESS**

**7** June 2022 By Sheena Suparman

With a future that experts say will be marked by change and uncertainty, today's students must take more care than ever in choosing a university.

XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) prepares students from around the world to meet challenges brought about by rapid developments in new technologies. Students can study programmes in fields like artificial intelligence, big data, intelligent manufacturing engineering, internet of things, intelligent supply chain, cultural technology, microelectronic science and engineering, and intelligent robotics.

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Study suggests the likelihood of unhappy employees becoming entrepreneurs is

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# **RESEARCH WITH REACH**

AJOT New study reveals impact from COVID-19 pandemic on supply chains

**NEW YORK POST** Eating sea squirts may reverse the signs of

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> **IT USER** More efficient encryption for distributed storage in Web 3.0 (Spanish)

PHYS.ORG pathways in stem cells

## STUDY SUGGESTS THE LIKELIHOOD OF UNHAPPY EMPLOYEES BECOMING ENTREPRENEURS IS DETERMINED BY CULTURE

■ 13 September 2021 ■ By the editors



Dr Jie Li, from XJTLU's International Business School Suzhou, found that in societies that support entrepreneurial ventures, and countries where people are more likely to take risks, there's a far stronger link between low job satisfaction and the intention to start a business.



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## Medical press NEW RESEARCH FINDS VIRTUAL REALITY COULD HELP TREAT ANXIETY

21 October 2021 By Massey University



## New research finds virtual reality could help treat anxiety

by Massey University



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Virtual reality (VR) has been found to be an effective treatment method for anxiety, according to a new study, led by Computer Science Senior Lecturer Dr. Nilufar Baghaei and co-authored by Ph.D. student Vibhav Chitale.



## **T**ech **X**plore **COMPRESSION RATE CAN PREDICT CYBERSICKNESS**

■ 18 November 2021 ■ By Huatian Jin



Cybersickness is a form of motion sickness caused by a disconnect between what the eyes see and the body feels. Researchers from the School of Advanced Technology recently developed a novel prediction technique to identify at which points of a virtual reality game cybersickness is more likely to occur.



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While many know of the late Umberto Eco (1932-2016) for his world-leading work as a semiotician, philosopher of language, and novelist, few may be aware of his deep interest in comics, both on a personal and academic level. In January, linus, the prestigious Italian magazine on comics and culture, published an article by Dr Marco Pellitteri of XJTLU's School of Humanities and Social Sciences about Eco's relationship with and scholarship on comics.

#### Articeli

dell'immogine non è soltanto un ampia di quanto il pubblico ascor ogg appannaggio delle epoche primitive pensi. Testi spesso mai ripubblicati e per e classiche. Ho in un armadio due o e persit, perzisissimi trecento copie degli albi originali di Superman e penso che in fondo è un mito del nostro tempo, non ese una religione ma una ideolog Insomma, arrivo a Roma e inizio relazione posando sul tavolo la pila di fumetti di Superman. C faranno, mi cacciono? Nossignore, scompaiono metà dei fumetti vedere che con l'ario di eso quegli abati con le maniche li fanno sparire come niente? [...]

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Umberto Feo e i fumetti

Nel catalogare gli scritti di Eco sul fumetto ho notato che si potevano ben

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co usb spesso il fumetto anch come cartina al tornasole per discorpigrizia" su Ressegne più ampi: nella relazione "La strutturi rativa nei fumetti", presentata ne 965 al Salone internazionale dei comic di Bordighera (che dal '66 avrebb ruto sede a Lucca), egli commente e teorie della narrazione nei fumetti Notevole anche il divertito cahier di doléances "Quattro modi di parlare di fumetti" (1983), in cui amotava con nnia le idiosinerasie dei critici e degl e affezionati del fumetto quando parlan o o scrivono della loco passione.



Fra i maggiori contributi di Eco alla legittimazione del fametto s'è il discors sulla sua dimensione intellettuale. Il saggio più famoso in tal senso è "Il mando di Charlie Brown", introduzion

#### **CAN AI PREDICT THERMAL COMFORT FROM THE The EurekAlert!** LAYOUT OF A ROOM?

25 January 2022 By XJTLU

Currently, 55% of a building's operational energy is spent on heating, ventilation and air-

**EurekAlert!** MAAAS HOME NEWS RELEASES MULTIMEDIA MEETINGS

#### NEWS RELEASE 25-JAN-2022

#### Can AI predict your thermal comfort from the lavout of a room?

Scientists develop novel machine learning-based approach to study the impact of spatial parameters on indoor thermal comfort

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We spend more than 90% of our time indoors, so it's essential that buildings are designed to maximise our comfort, particularly when it comes to maintaining an ambient temperature. Predicting whether a person will be hot or cold in a room is not only important in designing a comfortable space, it can also be useful for reducing energy consumption.

Currently, 55% of a building's operational energy is spent on heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC). Machine-learning-



conditioning (HVAC). In their recent study, Dr Cheng Zhang and Dr Bing Chen, both from XJTLU's Design School, set out to determine whether AI can predict the thermal comfort of different areas of a room, and how factors such as sunlight exposure, windows, and HVAC positioning affect each area.



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14 April 2022 By XJTLU

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#### NEWS RELEASE 14-APR-2022

The shape of things to come: tropical birds are changing because of us A new study finds that human activity has led to changes in the body shapes and diets of birds on the tropical island of Hainan

#### Peer-Reviewed Publication

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Hainan has a unique tropical environment with abundant biodiversity and is home to over 400 species of birds. The island in southern China has experienced fast economic development changes over the past 20 years, and although efforts have been taken to protect Hainan's biodiversity, the full impact of the changes is not clear.

A new study has shown that human activity on Hainan has led to biotic homogenisation in birds, with communities and species becoming increasingly similar, for example, in their body shape and diet.

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IMAGE: GENERALIST BIRD EAT A VARIETY OF FOOD

# THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME: TROPICAL BIRDS



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Dr Emilio Pagani-Núñez, Assistant Professor at XJTLU's Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, says: "There is hope for biodiversity, that economic growth and enhanced biodiversity conservation

are possible. However, a price will be paid, and it is our duty to prevent such negative effects by developing targeted policies on especially diverse or sensitive ecosystems and communities."



## **NEW STUDY REVEALS IMPACT FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON SUPPLY CHAINS**

20 April 2022 By AJOT



From a broader perspective, it is clear that most companies to date have applied a reactive "wait-and-see" approach due to the high degree of uncertainty. Those that have fared most well are those that prepared even before the pandemic started by having a more agile supply chain that is more able to cope with rapid changes in the external environment.

Having said that, it is also clear that many companies have over time adapted to the long prior period of high stability and low uncertainty basically since the end of the global financial crisis by streamlining organisations and supply chains through implementation of concepts like "lean" etc., something which has now backfired for many. On the whole, the study highlights the necessity of having an "agile" rather than "lean" supply chain over longer time frames, and internal mechanisms that ensure a high degree of resilience during moments of distress.

For more information about the study, please contact Dr. Martin Lockstrom at martin lockstrom@xitlu.edu.cn.

In his recent study, Dr Martin Lockström, Senior Associate Professor at International Business School Suzhou (IBSS) investigated to what extent companies' supply chains have been affected by the pandemic and what measures they have taken to mitigate the effects.



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**AGING: STUDY** 

11 May 2022 By Ben Cost

Researchers from XJTLU, Stanford University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences reported that supplementing a diet with the sea organisms Ascidiacea, also known as sea squirts, reverses some of the main signs of ageing in an animal



These sea 'squirts' could reverse the signs of aging: study By Ben Cost May 11, 2022 | 5:54pm | Update



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#### **RESEARCHERS USE BACTERIA TO ENHANCE** PHYS ORG **CONCRETE RESISTANCE**

24 May 2022 By XJTLU

Researchers at XJTLU's Department of Civil Engineering applied denitrifying bacteria to recycled coarse aggregate concrete (RCAC), and enhanced its strength and durability. The treated RCAC can withstand 225 freeze-thaw cycles, which is 75 more than those without treatment, making it suitable for widespread usage in cold areas.



Concrete, with its low cost, good compressive strength, and manufacturing convenience, is one of the most widely used materials in construction. However, with accelerating urbanization, natural aggregates for mixing with concrete, such as sand and gravel, are in short supply.



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12 July 2022 By XJTLU



NEWS RELEASE 12-JUL-2022

#### Is organic farming always good for the environment? - Researchers create strategy to help decide

Researchers have developed a method to help farmers and policymakers decide if switching from conventional to organic farming will increase biodiversity while maintaining productivity.

Peer-Reviewed Publication XI'AN JIAOTONG-LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

Ensuring sufficient global food production and supply using sustainable methods is one of the most significant challenges we face this century.

Organic farming is seen as one potential solution to the increasing problem of decreasing biodiversity. However, lower yields have sparked a debate about whether organic farming is always the best use of land,

In a recent study, published in Ecology Letters, a team of researchers from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, the University



IMAGE: THE IMPACT OF ORGANIC FARMING ON **BIODIVERSITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT DEPENDS** 

### IS ORGANIC FARMING AI WAYS GOOD FOR THE **ENVIRONMENT? – RESEARCHERS CREATE STRATEGY TO**



A team of researchers at XJTLU's Department of Health and Environmental Sciences developed a method to help farmers and policymakers decide if switching from conventional to organic farming will increase biodiversity while maintaining productivity.



# MORE EFFICIENT ENCRYPTION FOR DISTRIBUTED STORAGE IN WEB 2.0 (CDANUCU)

29 June 2022 By the editors



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A team of scientists from XJTLU, Taiyuan University of Technology in China and De Montfort University in the UK have come up with a new and more secure encryption scheme. They explain that their scheme does not require the proxy to transfer the ciphertext to a new one, which reduces computation and operation time by allowing a new user to access the same file.



22 July 2022 By Cat Diamond

In a study, researchers from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and Nanjing University in China, and Western Washington and Emory University in the US, shed some light on why the delivery of therapeutics to cells can be so difficult.





## SCIENTISTS IDENTIFY 'BOTTLENECK' IN DRUG **DELIVERY PATHWAYS IN STEM CELLS**

Their findings suggest that, in certain types of cells, nanoparticles become "trapped" within bubble-like vesicles and so are prevented from reaching their intended target. The team also created a mathematical model that can predict how efficient the delivery of nanoparticles into cells will be, and aid the design of future therapies.



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# **COLLECTION: EXPERT COMMENTARY**

XJTLU researchers provided expert commentary for articles in influential publications including Nature, Science, South China Morning Post, SupChina (now The China Project), FT Adviser, Puntal, Ambition, The Independent, China Minutes, and Snow Leopard Trust.

NATURE Did the coronavirus jump



SCIENCE Biodiversity summit offers China a chance to burnish its environmenta



**SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST** 





**SUPCHINA** 



Global biodiversity is collapsing. What is China doing to bend the curve of

nature loss'

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He has worked in companies on three continents and proposes to combine product development models (Spanish)

Experts who commented in international media in Academic Year 2021-2022 are from across XJTLU, including the School of Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Design School, School of Advanced Technology, Academy of Future Education, International Business School Suzhou, and XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang).

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#### **SNOW LEOPARD TRUST**

Hope for coexistence between humans, livestock and snow leopard



## **FT** ADVISER CHINA'S MEGA WIND FARM SET TO LURE INVESTORS



Recently, China revealed plans to build a mega wind farm in the Gobi Desert to further combat climate change. Dr Geoffrey Chen, Department Head of China Studies at XJTLU, says: "In terms of manufacturing, domestic wind and solar power equipment manufacturers have rapidly built up their knowledge through using foreign-sourced technologies."



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## **DRIVING SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE TO** Ambiti In SAVE PEOPLE AND PLANET

June 2022 By Dr Ellen Touchstone



Dr Ellen Touchstone, Associate Dean for Responsible and Sustainable Business Education at International Business School Suzhou (IBSS) says business schools must refocus the "can-do" attitude displayed during the pandemic towards meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



# COLLECTION: EDUCATION EXPERTISE

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University staff are skilled in the delivery of learning and teaching. In the 2021-22 academic year, staff shared this expertise with a global audience of educators in higher education on THE Campus, a section of the Times Higher Education website. THE Campus is a toolkit for content on quality teaching and learning; impact and sustainability; internationalisation; early career research; research management; and equality, diversity and inclusion.



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## **ABOUT US**



#### **Dr Xin Bi**

#### Director, Centre for Knowledge and Information

Dr Xin Bi joined XJTLU in its infancy. He is now in charge of University Marketing and Communications, the Management Information Technology and System Office, the Centre for Educational Technology, the Library, the Museum, and the Learning Mall. Dr Bi has rich experience in teaching. His research interests include learning and teaching, management and the academic publishing mode in the Internet age. He has published three monographs, one textbook and co-authored two books. Many of his papers have been published in renowned international academic journals.



#### **Tiantian Xu**

#### Deputy Head of University Marketing and Communications

As the Deputy Head of UMC at XJTLU, Tiantian is an experienced communicator and marketer in the field of higher education. She is skilled in brand and public relations, marketing and international communications. Tiantian is responsible for developing XJTLU's communications and marketing strategy and execution plan, managing media and government relations, and also managing UMC teams with different functions and businesses, which contributes to enhancing brand awareness and reputation for the University. Tiantian received a master's degree in Corporate Communications from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



#### **Tamara Kaup**

#### International Content Manager of English Communications

Tammy (Tamara) has more than 25 years of experience in writing and editing about a variety of topics, including business, technology, science and education. A US citizen, she has lived both in Lanzhou and Suzhou in China. At XJTLU, she manages the creation of content about XJTLU's unique place in higher education, cutting-edge research, award-winning instructors and accomplished students. She helps lead XJTLU's international communications strategy. In this role, she considers University goals for brand awareness and recruitment, the current international media landscape and the specific audience for each project.



#### **Patricia Pieterse**

#### Senior English Writer and Editor

Patricia began her media career as an intern during her final year of university, studying journalism at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa. She has 14 years' writing and editing experience with a diverse range of publications and has written on business, technology, health, décor and more. She has lived in China for six years, first in Xi'an then in Suzhou, where she discovered her passion for communications in education. At XJTLU, as Senior English Writer and Editor, Patricia crafts and refines interesting content for readers locally and abroad.



### Xinmin Han

#### English Writer and Editor

Xinmin joined XJTLU in July 2021 as English Writer and Editor. She is skilled in writing news articles and student stories. She received her bachelor's degrees in English and Exhibition Management from Beijing International Studies University and a master's degree in TESOL from the University of Bath. She is currently enrolled in London School of Journalism as a part-time student.



#### **Catherine Diamond**

#### English Writer and Editor

Catherine helps to create content that highlights the quality of academic research happening at the University and enhances the worldwide reputation of XJTLU. Catherine completed her PhD in Neuroimmunology in 2018 at the University of Manchester, UK, and A\*STAR Institute, Singapore, and has since worked as a research communicator, writer, and editor. She is passionate about using engaging and accessible stories to communicate research to a general audience.

### Guojuan Wang

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#### Intercultural Communications Manager

As Intercultural Communications Manager at XJTLU, Guojuan is an experienced communications and public relations manager and marketer in higher education with over 10 years of working experience. She is skilled in public relations management, content marketing, international communications, translation, writing, editing and brand event planning. Guojuan received her BA in English from Xi'an Jiaotong University and an MA in Foreign Linguistics and Applied Linguistics from Zhejiang Normal University.



#### Yunji Tao

#### Communication Officer

As the Communication Officer at XJTLU, Yunji has been focusing on public relations, content marketing, live broadcasts and new media operation to build the brand awareness and reputation of the University in China and worldwide. Yunji received her BA in Communication Studies from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and an MSc in Media and Communication from the University of Liverpool.



### Wenzhen Li

#### External Liaison Officer

As a liaison officer at XJTLU, Wenzhen is an experienced marketing and communications professional who has worked in both state-owned companies and multinational corporations. She has planned a number of exhibitions and events for young audiences as a curator. She received her master's degree in Cultural and Creative Industries Management from Burgundy School of Business in France.



#### Yi Qian

#### External Liaison Officer

Yi is responsible for news writing and editing, content marketing, branding, and social media management for the Design School. She joined XJTLU in 2020. Yi received her bachelor's degree in Translation and Interpretation from Shanghai International Studies University, and her master's degree in Cross-cultural Communications and Media Studies from Newcastle University.



#### **Huatian Jin**

#### External Liaison Officer

Huatian is responsible for news writing and editing, content marketing, branding and social media management for the School of Advanced Technology. Huatian received her bachelor's degree in Cultural Industries Management from Nanjing University of the Arts, and her master's degree in Society Culture and Media from the University of Leeds. In March 2020, she started her career at XJTLU.

## **Ying Jiang**

#### External Liaison Officer

As a liaison officer at XJTLU, Ying is proficient in news writing and editing in the field of higher education. With additional experience in working as a journalist and public relations officer in both China and the UK, Ying has developed a solid understanding of the communications, branding, and marketing function in a university. Also as an alumni of XJTLU, Ying has a great passion in both improving the awareness of the University and building the bridge between the school and external and internal stakeholders.

## Xinyi Liu

#### External Liaison Officer

Xinyi is responsible for marketing and communication content creation and multi-channel distribution for the School of Languages, including news creation, multi-media materials design and social media operation. She joined XJTLU in 2020. Xinyi received her master's degree in Communication from Hong Kong Baptist University.



### Luyao Wang

#### External Liaison Officer

Luyao joined XJTLU in 2021 as the External Liaison Officer for School of Science. She is responsible for school news, brand communication and new media management. Luyao holds a bachelor's degree in Media and Communication from the University of Leicester and a Master's degree in Digital Asset and Media Management from King's College London.



#### Xiaoyan Jin

#### External Liaison Officer

Xiaoyan is responsible for news writing and editing, social media management, content marketing, branding and communication strategy planning for the Academy of Future Education. She joined XJTLU in 2021. Xiaoyan received her BA in Business English from Chongqing University of Technology, and an MA in Media and Public Relations from Newcastle University.



#### Liwen Yu

#### External Liaison Officer

Liwen is responsible for news writing and editing, branding and social media management for XJTLU Wisdom Lake Academy of Pharmacy. She joined XJTLU in 2022. Before that, she worked at the National University of Singapore (Suzhou) Research Institute and Duke Kunshan University. Liwen received a BA in English and Finance from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and an MSc in International Business from the University of Leeds.



#### Bo Kou

#### Chinese Content Manager

As a Chinese content manager at XJTLU, Bo is an experienced storyteller and communicator with more than 10 years of experience working in higher education, media, and cultural and creative industries. After joining University Marketing and Communications in 2015, she has continued her passion for writing, editing, and communications and developed her content marketing and marketing research knowledge and skills. Since September 2021, Bo has started a new journey to lead the Domestic Communications and Marketing Team and Brand, Design, and Video Team. She received her bachelor's and master's degree focused on politics and economics from Peking University.



#### Luyun Shi

#### Chinese Writer and Editor

"Content is King" — that is a motto Luyun has always borne in mind as a passionate storyteller and experienced communications professional. She has almost two decades' experience in Higher Education and FMCG sectors with expertise in writing, public relations and content marketing. Since joining XJTLU in 2017, she has been contributing to the University's brand building by leveraging the power of storytelling. Luyun graduated from Nanjing Normal University majoring in Journalism.

#### Qiuchen Hu

#### Chinese Writer and Editor

Qiuchen is a professional communications practitioner and marketer with a calm, can-do attitude. She is skilled in writing, communications, content marketing, social media operation and digital marketing. Qiuchen received a BA in English (English and Communications Studies specialisation) from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and an MA in Digital Media and Culture from the University of Warwick.

### Wei Zhang

#### **Public Relations Specialist**

Wei joined XJTLU in 2020 and works on brand events and brand communication. Prior to joining XJTLU, she performed roles related to international outreach at China Development Institute in Shenzhen. She holds a master's degree in Translation and Interpretation from University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.